Students of the Week

Henry – Achiever – Striving for competence

Callam – Achiever – Having a go at new things

Calendar

Term 4 - 2014

Week 3

Wednesday 22nd October  Public Speaking Final

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Monday 27th – 31st October  Bookfair – School library

PBL
This term we are teaching students to be ‘Achievers’. We’re teaching our Gems to:

- Believe in yourself
- Work hard
- Pay attention
- Smile
- Have a positive outlook
- Don’t act the way you are feeling, act the way you want to feel

Little tips on how to be an achiever in life- not just school work.

Snakes
Last week I saw a very large brown snake cross the road into the bushes on the other side of the road to the school. All Gems have been told to be careful when they are in the playground. Please talk to your child about the importance of staying away from snakes and being aware of what is around them.
Public Speaking
Next Wednesday the Opals and year 2 will be travelling with Mrs Close to the Town Hall to watch the Grand Final of the River Public Speaking Competition. It should be a great show with all our great speakers from the Lismore area and performances from every High School. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school by Tuesday. Please be aware that a canteen will be operating so students may come with a small amount of money. Parents are asked to please donate cakes, slices or muffins to sell at the canteen on this day. Please bring to the school on Wednesday morning and someone will take to the Town Hall. Thanks.

Emailed Newsletter
If you would like the newsletter emailed to you and you are not getting it at the moment, please contact the school and provide your address.

Drumming circle
At the last P&C meeting we again discussed having Peter Jaggle come in and teach the Gems drumming. It looks like we will be doing this every Friday in Term 1 next year. The cost will be $6 per student per week. The P&C are discussing how much they will be subsiding families with more than one child. More information will be put out next year.

Book fair
Book fair will be visiting our library in week 4. This year is a receiving year where at our presentation night Santa will be giving a book present to each child. Something to think about and perhaps plan.

Presentation night
We will be having our presentation night on Wednesday 26th November at 6pm. Please put this date aside. If you are planning on being away please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible.
This year is a receiving year where Santa gives each child a book present. We will have book fair at the school in week 4.

Emails
If you need to contact your child’s teacher via email our addresses are:
Michelle.stroud-watts@det.nsw.edu.au
Jennifer.mary.noble@det.nsw.edu.au
If the matter is sensitive or of importance, please make an appointment to see us or phone.

Opals class
We are up to contract 27 for homework this week. I’m sure we will have a great term where we will all remember our important rules of being Respectful, Responsible, Caring Achievers.

Michelle Stroud-Watts
Principal

Diamonds Class
Welcome back to Digby and the Langdon family and especially Askel who joined us during the week. Wonderful to have Coco, Jesse Rose, Lavinia & Askel happily involved in a range of group activities preparing for ‘Big School’ next year – Great to have you.
Thank you Jasmine for sharing your two guinea pigs for “Show n Tell” during the week. Very nice to have mum, your brother, sister join us.
In Science we are exploring sounds and ‘hearing’ distinguishing different sounds and whether they are near or distant.
We are researching and discussing ‘Celebrations’ in HSIE, discovering their purpose and origin.
May I encourage mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents to listen to children read.
A reminder that Tuesday is a library borrowing time. Children need to bring a library bag to protect our beautiful books.
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Kind Regards
Jenny Noble
The Rivers Secondary College and Rivers P-12 Learning Community

The Rivers Secondary College is progressing with a variety of activities to date. The Rivers Secondary College is made up of the three secondary campuses in Lismore – Kadina High, Lismore High and Richmond River High, which is an integral member of the larger Rivers P-12 Learning Community across the Lismore and surrounding area. Our focus across the whole Rivers P-12 Learning Community is to develop increased collaboration with improved student outcomes as our driving agenda. The Rivers P-12 is composed of the three Secondary College campuses, Nimbin Central, Wilson Park School for Specific Purposes, and twenty six primary schools in and around Lismore.

The Rivers Secondary College Year 11 Curriculum patterns are now published and available in each of the secondary campuses. This collaboration means that the vast majority of students gain access to their first choices of subjects being studied for the HSC. Initial planning is soon to commence to develop a Rivers P-12 Learning Community School Musical production for 2015. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this activity across both the primary and secondary schools which will showcase our students and staff talents and further develop inter-school cohesion.

Working parties in the areas of Student Wellbeing, Transition, Curriculum and Professional Learning are being formed currently as is the final membership of The Rivers Council, a broad based community advisory group. I am more than happy to attend and speak to interested parents and citizens (P&C) groups, interested organisations and to listen to any ideas that are in line with our endeavours to improve our impact on our students learning achievements. I can be contacted via Kadina High Campus on 0266 243133 or via john.william.baker@det.nsw.edu.au

From the Department

Getting organised for Term 4

Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child’s bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Public Speaking make easier

Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB

Motivating “laid-back” children

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?

Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/gsfDOE